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EXAMINER

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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jonathan S. Crepeau

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 14-27, 29-32 and 34-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-27, 29-32, 34 and 47-64 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 14 and 35-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 28, 2004 has been entered.

This Office action addresses claims 1-11, 14-27, 29-32, 34, and newly added claims 35-64. Claims 15-27, 29-32, 34, and 47-64 are allowed. Claims 1-11, 14, and 35-46 are newly rejected under 35 USC §102. This action is non-final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 1-11, 14, and 35-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bray (U.S. Patent 3,899,231). The reference is directed to an electrical connector (25; see Fig. 5) that is capable of functioning as a battery contact. The connector is sectioned into three sections: a top, angularly disposed linear section; a middle, straight section; and an end section (26) having both straight and bent portions. The middle section corresponds to the claimed "torsional region" and either end section corresponds to the "restraining leg" or the "battery terminal contact region." With regard to the preambles of claims 1 and 35, the language employed by the preambles is considered to be functional in nature and represents the future intended use of the

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elongate wire (recited in the body of the claim) as a battery contact which is usable in a battery holder. In other words, the preamble is not seen to add structure to the subject matter recited in the body of the claim. See MPEP §2111.02. As such, the claims are anticipated by Bray.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 15-27, 29-32, 34, and 47-64 allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 15 and 47 are directed to a holder for a battery comprising, among other features, a battery contact having a single torsional region (claim 15) and a battery terminal contact region having a distal free end (claim 47). Saida, the closest prior art, does not teach or fairly suggest this subject matter.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Crepeau whose telephone number is (571) 272-1299. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr, can be reached at (571) 272-1414. The phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 272-1700. Documents may be faxed to the central fax server at (703) 872-9306.

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